

A PURE REVENUE MEASURE

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At the Session of the Ways and Means Committee Yesterday Several Changes Were Made in the Rates Agreed Upon on the Previous Day—The Bond Bill Has Been Completed.

Washington, Dec. 24.—"Let the country understand," said a leading republican member of the ways and means committee to-day, "that the bill we shall present to the house on Thursday is a pure revenue measure, hurriedly prepared to meet an exigency in our national finances and in response to the president's plea that some measure for relief must be afforded by congress. There has been no attempt at tariff revision. Our measure is purely a revenue measure."

The correctness of the declaration was shown by the action of the committee to-day in declining to hear Judge William Lawrence of Ohio, president of the National Wool Growers' association, who desired to be heard in support of a higher rate on wool than that previously agreed upon. Repeated applications have been made to the committee in its collective and individual capacity from eastern manufacturers who have deprecated hasty action in the preparation of the bill that a postponement in its preparation be had until their arguments could be presented. To all these applications the committee have turned a deaf ear and the bill will have the unusual distinction presented as the result of the committee's labors uninfluenced by outside considerations.

At this afternoon session several changes were made in the rates agreed upon yesterday. When adjournment was had the framework had been completed and nothing remained but to put it in proper form. Yesterday it was decided that farm products, including live stock, should enjoy a 5 per cent. horizontal increase over the present law because of the ruinous competition which the granger element along the northern frontier claimed to suffer from their Canadian neighbors across the line. This led some of the eastern members to-day to ask a corresponding increase on manufacturers of iron and steel. This precipitated a spirited discussion which the committee divided, practically on geographical lines the western men strongly opposing a higher rate than 5 per cent. After some debate an agreement was reached that the agricultural schedule should be placed in the same category as the other schedules, namely, at a 15 per cent. horizontal increase. This was the only serious difference of the day and it was speedily settled.

The sugar schedule alone is exempted from change. It was deemed inexpedient to include sugar in the horizontal increase, owing to the embarrassments which might arise from increasing the differential duty on refined sugars.

The most important change made at to-day's session was that relating to carpet wools, which in the new bill will be restored to the McKinley rate. On all other wools the duty as stated in last night's dispatches will be 60 per cent. of that of the McKinley law with the compensatory duty on the manufactured product also 60 per cent. of that of the previous law. The duty on all grades of lumber will be placed at 60 per cent. of that of the McKinley law.

The bond bill was completed to-day and will be sent together to the printing office. Both it and the revenue bill will be laid before the full committee at 11 to-morrow morning. When the committee adjourns the democrats will hold a secret session, at which they will decide upon the policy to be pursued by them when the two measures are called up in the house. Both bills as reported will be presented to the house on Thursday. The committee on rules will report and pass through the house a resolution setting aside Thursday for consideration of the tariff bill and Friday for the bond measure. This latter bill is understood to have the approval of Secretary Carlisle.

This encourages the republican leaders to believe that it may pass the senate notwithstanding the preponderance of free silver sentiment in that body. With the president favorable to the proposition it is believed the whole power of the administration will be exerted upon certain of the democratic senators from the south with a possibility that a sufficient number may be secured to join the sound money republicans and pass the measure.

The bond bill is simple in its details. It provides for the issuance of bonds, interest and principal payable in coin and redeemable at the option of the government at the end of five years. It changes the rate of interest provided in the act of 1875, under which bonds are now issued to three per cent., which is the rate of interest that the \$50,000,000 coupon certificates of indebtedness, which will be used only to meet the deficit in the treasury, will also bear. No provision is made in the bond bill regarding the legal tender redemption fund from the general assets puts it in the power of the secretary temporarily to isolate the legal tenders when redeemed.

The two bills will go into effect upon their passage and remain in operation until August 1, 1896.

Much Damage by Wind.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 24.—Last night's heavy wind covered a large area and did much damage to fences and light structures. Pittman & Harrison's grain elevator at St. Joseph, containing 20,000 bushels of grain, was totally wrecked.

APPROVES THE MESSAGE.

President Rogers Gives His Views On Venezuela Question.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—President Rogers, of Northwestern university, who also occupies the chair of international law at that institution, when asked to-day what he thought of President Cleveland's message on the Venezuelan question said:

"I approve of that message and I do not regard it as having its inspiration in any desire for a third term. I have too great a regard for the president of the United States to believe he would place in a position of peril two great nations simply to further his own selfish ends."

The Monroe doctrine, he said, was broad enough to cover an attempt such as had been made by England in regard to Venezuela. While it was not now a part of international law, he expected it to become so in a few years. Nations would be compelled to ultimately acknowledge the principle involved, as it was one of the fundamental principles which kept them from encroaching on each other's power.

MR. BLAND'S REMEDY.

He Suggests the Free Coinage of Gold and Silver.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—Hon. R. P. Bland to-day wired the Chronicle the following:

"My remedy for existing financial troubles could be the free coinage of silver as well as gold; the redemption of all government obligations in either gold or silver coin, whichever at the time was most advantageous or convenient for the treasury. I would not issue bonds nor increase taxation. Better issue treasury notes or warrants and coin silver free. This policy is good for peace or war."

Big Christmas Present.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—The citizens of Pittsburg to-day received \$100,000 as a Christmas gift from C. L. Magee and his assistants in the Fort Pitt Street Railway company. The money is to be used in the establishment of a zoological garden at Highland park.

Ammunition to Halifax.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The steamer Damar, London, to-day brought a large quantity of ammunition and other government stores. The steamer St. John City, which left London yesterday, will also bring a large consignment. This is the usual supply and is not being sent in consequence of war talk.

Are Ready to Fight.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 24.—An enthusiastic meeting was held here last night and the First Michigan Volunteer regiment was formed. Colonel Norcross and Colonel Leisen were the prime movers. A recruiting office has been opened and it is expected that 1,000 names will be enrolled. Governor Rich has been wired that the regiment will be ready for action if needed in defense of the Monroe doctrine. Several hundred men from the Iron River district have signed their willingness to join the new regiment.

Anxious About Sugar.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Representative Meyer of Louisiana to-day received a telegram from President Murphy of the Louisiana Sugar exchange at New Orleans inquiring as to the action of the ways and means committee with reference to an increased duty on sugar. Mr. Meyer replied that the committee had not as yet considered that schedule. A member of the committee stated to-day that in his opinion the sugar schedule would be passed over without action.

No Certificates Taken Out.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The Philadelphia clearing house to-day authorized the issue of clearing house certificates to any banks that may desire to make use of them. No certificates were taken out to-day, and it is not believed any of the local banks will ask for them unless the financial situation shall change considerably for the worse. The committee's action was merely a precautionary measure. The local money market is firm, but there is plenty of money to be had on call at 4 1/2 per cent. and on time at 6 per cent.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

Swain Acquitted of the Crime.

Hartford, Dec. 24.—At 5:30 to-night George E. Swain was acquitted by the jury which has been trying him on the charge of manslaughter in shooting to death William Boyle at East Hartford on the night of Saturday, October 19. The case was given to the jury at 4:30 and four ballots were taken. The first ballot was 9 to 3 for acquittal. The other three ballots graduated until a unanimity for acquittal was reached. The jury sent into the court for information as to the degree of manslaughter and were informed that there are no degrees. Swain became involved in a quarrel with Boyle and some of his pals and in the melee Boyle was shot dead.

There Were Heavy Fights.

New York, Dec. 24.—Havana advices dated December 21 say: Heavy fights have taken place of late, principally in Las Villas, but the rebels have always had the worst of it. Most of the sugar estates are beginning to grind or are preparing for that work, and confidence prevails that the troops in their zone are more than sufficient to allow their finishing the crop without any uncommon difficulty. Although some fires have been reported in cane fields, most of them were due to the season and would not have attracted special attention in peaceful times.

CHRISTMAS EVE MEETINGS

PEACEFUL SESSIONS OF SELECTMEN AND HEALTH COMMISSIONERS

No Appointments Made By Town Agent Baldwin—Bonds of Town Constables Approved—Only Routine Business Transacted By Board of Health.

Christmas Eve peace pervaded the atmosphere in the town agent's office last evening and the regular weekly meeting of the board of selectmen was held without even the faintest semblance of a controversy. Even the members of the democratic minority came to the meeting thoroughly imbued with the Christmas greeting "peace on earth, good will toward men" and as a result the session was thoroughly harmonious and the business was transacted without the slightest clash between the democratic minority and the republican majority.

There was but little business to be transacted and consequently the meeting was unusually brief. No appointments to the positions in the town agent's office or at Springville house were made and in fact the subject was not even mentioned at the meeting. Selectman Beecher, the president of the board, called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 o'clock with all the members of the board present. The bonds of Louis Coleman and Willis M. Bonner, who were recently elected town constables, were approved. The bonds were \$5,000 for each official. After the selectmen had appointed Henry Marcellus a special town constable and had signed a deed transferring to Emma Schulz a lot on the old town farm property the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The members of the board of health held a meeting last night but transacted only routine business. It was reported that the Consolidated Railroad company were complying with the orders of the board and abolishing the smoke nuisance arising from the round house at the foot of Hallock street. A number of unsanitary vaults and cesspools were ordered abolished, but no notices will be sent to the property owners until after Christmas. No other business was transacted and the session was in consequence an unusually brief one.

COUNCILMEN TO MEET.

A special meeting of the board of councilmen will be held to-morrow evening when the estimated expenses and income of the city year for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1895. The aldermen at their meeting Monday night refused to concur with the amendments made at the previous meeting of the councilmen hence the necessity of the extra session to-morrow night. The aldermen will also hold their final meeting for the year. Friday evening and at the same time the councilmen will enjoy their farewell banquet at Heublein's cafe.

Burglars and Dynamite.

Greenwich, Dec. 24.—For the second time within a week burglars armed with dynamite have operated in the little town of Glenville. Last night the postoffice was entered and the safe was blown to pieces with dynamite. Enough of the explosive was used to blow away the entire front of the building in which the office is located. Not only was the front torn away, but half of the building was wrecked. Large holes were bored in the safe and quantities of dynamite placed therein. The door was torn off and one side of the safe was reduced to fragments. Postage stamps and cash amounting in all to \$50 were taken. The whole town was taken by the explosion, and the residents began to flock to the scene. They were too late, however, to capture the perpetrators of the deed, who easily made good their escape. There is no clue.

Expelled From the Masons.

Hartford, Dec. 24.—It has been learned that Frederick C. Jackson, who was the chief witness in the arson trial of Dr. Malcolm R. Griswold, has been expelled from Hartford lodge, A. F. and A. M., for unbecoming conduct. This action was taken at the lodge meeting last night. This action is taken because of the deceit alleged to have been practiced by Jackson upon the accused doctor.

BRITISH IMPORTS.

Secretary of Treasury Sends a Statement to the Senate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—In response to a senate resolution the secretary of the treasury sent to the senate a statement showing during each of the last five years and for the whole period the gross amount of the imports from ports of Great Britain and her colonies and dependencies together with the amount of the exports to those ports. The total for the whole period of five years are as follows:

United Kingdom, imports \$800,034,150; exports \$2,184,048,634; Bermuda, imports \$2,222,046; exports \$3,620,675; British Honduras, imports \$902,554; exports \$2,065,705; Canada, including Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, etc., imports \$179,154,682; exports \$2,760,768; Newfoundland and Labrador, imports \$2,103,267; exports \$7,492,483; British West Indies, imports \$67,556,539; exports \$42,230,435; British Guiana, imports \$21,021,262; exports \$9,913,067; British India and East Indies, imports \$110,194,324; exports \$18,410,214; Hong Kong, imports \$3,873,663; exports \$2,342,235; British Australasia, imports \$30,635,988; exports \$49,141,244; British Africa, imports \$7,732,575; exports \$19,482,824; all other British dependencies, including Aden, Falkland Islands, Malta, etc., imports \$9,313,582; exports \$2,804,006.

SPANIARDS LACK EVERYTHING.

Such Is the Tone of a Letter Received From General Gomez.

New York, Dec. 24.—The following letter dated Remedios, Cuba, December 8, was received to-day by Mr. Palma, minister of the Cuban republic to the United States, from General Gomez, general-in-chief of the revolutionary forces:

"It is now eight days since General Maceo and myself had an encounter with the enemy, strong in the three arms, but with victory for the arms of the republic. We advanced slowly, but with strong and firm foot. The Spaniards lack everything—soldiers, money, sympathy, chiefs with courage and faith. If the valor and determination of the Cubans are not wanting in this beautiful land, if these virtues and revolutionary qualities do not fail in the hearts of her children, her men, in the campaign now open for six months, I think everything will be decided. Let me not be ground under any circumstances (as is my advice and the opinion of the most loyal friends Cuba can count upon), let the fountains whence the enemy expect to draw all their resources be stopped and dried. We should not be deterred by a foolish and superficial world.

We Cubans do not seek, nor do we wish, anything else than honor, country and liberty. Everything will come as a matter of course. What we need is to triumph over the enemy and the most effectual and decisive means, though harsh to attain the end, will be always the best, the most worthy and the most applauded. What would be unfortunate and dishonorable is being defeated, and it would be cruel and foolish to prolong our triumph. This is not the best way of loving the country.

I have always been of the opinion that we shall not be sanguinary, but radically revolutionary. We yesterday took leave of the members of the government. I did not wish them to follow our steps, and it is better that they impel us from a distance."

WHOLE FAMILIES DROWNED.

Disastrous Work of the Floods in the West. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Rain began here last evening and has continued uninterruptedly since. Throughout Missouri the storm has been unusually severe.

At Jefferson the heavy rain last night caused great alarm in the Osage and Moreau river valleys. The already swollen streams are rising and it is feared that the high water of last week will be greatly augmented. On the bottom farms fencing, haystacks, shock corn and many outbuildings have been swept away, and many animals have been drowned. If the rain continues for twenty-four hours longer the river valleys will be devastated.

Several lives are reported to have been lost along the Osage valley. Advice from Tusculum, sixty miles up the Osage, state that more than 100,000 bushels of corn within a small radius of bottom land were washed away last night and thousands of railroad ties and bridge timbers have floated away.

The Osage river is now higher than it was in 1832, when it broke the record. A telegram says that the Moyamix is higher than it ever was before. The Missouri is not dangerously high, but it is rising and promises to be booming soon. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas tracks have been washed away in Vernon county.

Two families camped on the White farm, near Smithfield, Mo., thirteen men, women and children, were supposed to have been drowned. Two boys went in search of them in a boat and found them on a wagon box on a haystack with a mile of water around them in every direction. The boys conveyed them to a place of safety to land. At Coffeyville, Kansas, the heavy snow of last Thursday has melted and rain has been pouring down almost incessantly for twenty-four hours. This makes the eighth day of continuous rain or snow. Streams are out of their banks and great damage is said to be the result.

WRECK OF THE ISLANDER.

Further Particulars Received By the Princess Louise.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 24.—Further particulars of the wreck of the steamer Islander have been received by the Princess Louise, which brought the Islander's passengers and mails to New Westminster. The Islander left Victoria on Sunday morning and ran aground about five o'clock not far from the lighthouse on Prevost Island, a little below the entrance to Plumbers Pass. She bumped rather heavily for a time, but as the wind changed she labored little. Captain Rudin sent a boat with four men to go across to Sidney and telegraph to Victoria for assistance. The men proceeded about four miles, but owing to the storm they were obliged to seek shelter and were picked up by the Princess Louise early Monday morning.

The Princess Louise arrived and after ascertaining the position of affairs she sailed to Sidney to report the mishap. She then returned to the Islander and took her passengers and mails off. The Princess Louise attempted to pull the Islander off, but failed. Captain Rudin and the crew remained on the vessel for assistance from the Victoria. The wind is now there is not much danger of the Islander going to pieces, should it blow strongly from south-east there will be small hope of saving her.

The Islander is a twin-screw steamer of 1,500 tons gross and is the Canadian Pacific Navigation company's best boat. She is said to be fully insured.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES

DEMOCRATIC STEERING COMMITTEE HELD A SESSION YESTERDAY.

Sub-Committee Appointed to Take the Whole Matter in Hand and Report to the Full Committee To-morrow—New Men Agreed Upon When Meeting Adjourned.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The committees of the senate will be reorganized next week and then will pass into the hands of the republicans. The democratic steering committee held a long session this afternoon and heard those who desired to be heard with regard to their committee assignments. A sub-committee, headed by Mr. Cockrell was then appointed to take the whole matter in hand report to the full committee Thursday. This committee will call a caucus of the democrats, probably on Friday, when the assignments as agreed upon will be approved. As soon as this is done the list will be handed the republicans and the motion will be made the next day in the senate to reorganize the committees in accordance with the list which will be sent to the clerk's desk and read. The reorganization will be agreed to as it has been in the past by a simple viva voce vote.

The committee had when it adjourned to-night agreed upon the new men it would add to the important committees of the senate. The committee on appropriations will consist of the present members, Messrs. Cockrell, Call, Blackburn and Brice, with the addition of Mr. Faulkner of West Virginia. The committee having been increased by the republicans to thirteen. The committee on foreign relations, which was increased from nine to eleven, will retain the present four democrats—Messrs. Morgan, Gray, Turpie and Daniel. For Mr. Butler, whose term has expired, it has been decided to place thereon Mr. Mills of Texas.

Mr. Fasco of Florida has been added to the minority representation on the committee on commerce. The other members will be Messrs. Vest, Gorman, White, Murphy and Berry.

Mr. Walcott of Mississippi goes to the committee on finance, his democratic associates being Messrs. Voorhees, Harris, Vest, Jones of Arkansas, and White. This committee will thus consist of six republicans, six democrats and one populist, the latter being Jones of Nevada. The six democrats, the populist and one republican member are for free coinage, while only five members of the committee are against it. Mr. Daniel of Virginia goes to the judiciary committee, his democratic associates being Messrs. Pugh, George, Vilas, Hill and Lindsay.

The eleven minority chairmanships, all of them of small committees and now held by republicans, will be divided among the oldest democrats in point of service. Of these Mr. Cockrell becomes chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, Mr. Morgan on Nicaraguan canal, Mr. Vest on transportation and sale of meat products, Mr. Harrison on epidemic diseases, Mr. Voorhees on additional accommodations for the library, and Mr. Gorman on corporations in the District of Columbia.

The other chairmanships will be divided among Senators Call, Pugh, George, Jones and Blackburn.

Had a Severe Engagement.

Havana, Dec. 24.—The government troops have had a severe engagement at Andaz, near Colisto, with the rebels under Maximino Gomez. The rebels were compelled to retire. Their loss in killed and wounded is not known. Twelve of the Spanish troops were wounded. They were sent to the military hospital at Matanzas. General Suarez Valdez and Luque have been dispatched to take positions held by the van guard of the enemy. Captain General Campos slept last night at Limonar near Matanzas.

Washington, Dec. 24.—If the Cuban insurgent forces under Generals Maceo and Gomez are advancing "on Havana" with the prospect of reaching that city by to-morrow, as has been reported to-day, Senor de Lome, the Spanish minister to the United States, has no information thereon. He gave out a cablegram to-night from General Arderiu, acting governor general of Cuba. This cablegram was written at one o'clock this afternoon. It says: "I have just had a conference with General Campos in Limonar. He reports that yesterday he overtook the forces of Maximino Gomez and had an important engagement with him. It was a horrible affair, because of the fighting being in the midst of burning fields. Twelve of the government troops were wounded. Gomez and his troops retreated. The commander-in-chief has just started for Guanabana, where he will pass to-night. The forces under Generals Valdez and Luque are in front of the insurgents, but remain in communication with the commander-in-chief."

The advance of the insurgents, the minister said, is for the purpose of devastating the cane fields and preventing the gathering of the sugar crop. They do not intend to risk a pitched battle. It is nothing more than a guerrilla raid, as they advance in small bands through unpopulated parts of the country. As for their being victorious, such a thing is out of the question. They have not taken a town and it is not likely they will.

Third Party Man Wins.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—After a hard fought election Mr. Stubbs, the McCarthyite or third party man, was selected as member of the Dominion parliament to-day by a plurality of 208. The main issue was the Manitoba school question, Mr. Stubbs being in favor of non-interference.

BIG CROWDS ON THE STREETS.

Throngs of People Visited the Big Chapel Street Stores Last Evening—A Live Santa Claus—A Good Natured Crowd—Pick-pockets—A West Haven Lady's Rare Presence of Mind.

The streets were last evening thronged with people buying holiday goods and the difficulty met with in getting up Chapel street was nearly as great as on the occasion of the return of the Foot Guard from the battle of the Atlanta exposition. The many beautiful decorations in the window of the big stores were greatly admired by crowds which continually surrounded the show windows and inquiry at Malley, Neely & Co's, F. M. Brown's, the George H. Ford Co., Ewen McIntyre & Co., the Charles Monson Co's, Howe & Stetson's, Samuel H. Kirby's, and all the other big stores elicited the information that not in years have their stores been so crowded or has so much business been done on a Christmas eve. A large crowd continually packed the rear of Snow's confectionery store and the sight of a big live Santa Claus there presiding over the candy greatly and wonderfully pleased the children and the old folks too. Every one on the streets seemed to be good natured and some were literally bubbling over with good cheer, with also perhaps good spirits. Nearly everyone met had more or less of a load of packages and that it was a holiday crowd was plainly evident.

The postoffice was never more loaded with packages than it has been during the present holiday season. The employees have been greatly rushed to take care of the large number of Christmas packages and an extra force of help has been employed in order to keep the mountains of mail matter from piling up too high.

Center street, back of Malley, Neely & Co's and F. M. Brown & Co's was blocked up to a late hour last evening with wagons delivering goods.

It was reported during the evening and was stated in some of the stores that several cases of pocket picking had been noticed.

A WEST HAVEN LADY'S PRESENCE OF MIND.

A lady who resides on Washington avenue, West Haven, called at the "Journal and Courier" office yesterday afternoon and mentioned that Saturday afternoon while in front of Rogowski's on Chapel street she felt someone jostling her and turning suddenly she saw a well dressed gentlemanly looking young man, who glanced up guiltily. She discovered at the same time that her dress pocket was turned inside out and that her pocketbook, in which was \$10, was gone. She at once seized the man by the arm and exclaimed: "Give me back that pocketbook!" He, discovering that he was caught squarely, replied: "Shall I help you pick it up?" and looking down the lady saw the pocketbook lying on the sidewalk. The man politely picked it up and handed it to her. He then darted away and quickly disappeared in the throng of people. Another lady who heard the first mentioned lady's exclamation looked up and at that instant saw the man throw the pocketbook away and it went as she said "as if shot out of a gun," so eager was he to conceal his crime. The description which the lady gives of the thief indicates that he is the same man who robbed the money drawer in Duran's jewelry store last Monday, as the lady's description and Mr. Duran's tally exactly.

The Mill Meeting.

The usual Wednesday prayer and conference meeting, in preparation of the Mills meetings soon to commence in New Haven, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the lecture room of the First Methodist church, corner of Elm and College streets. Rev. Mr. Mossman, the missionary pastor at English hall, will conduct the exercises and all are invited to be present and make this a service worthy of Christmas day.

All the district chairmen are requested to meet to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 7:30 at the Y. M. C. A. parlors, 715 Chapel street. On Sunday next at 3:30 p. m. there will be another meeting of all the visitors and district chairmen at English hall, corner of Court and State streets, in final preparation for the work of visiting families throughout the city, which begins next Monday and continues the week.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

Mrs. Mary J. Chatterton in Good Health Only a Week Ago—An Estimable Lady—An Old Member of St. Paul's.

Mrs. Mary J. Chatterton, who died Monday at her residence, 229 Townsend avenue, was a highly estimable lady and one of the old members of St. Paul's church. She was in her accustomed health only a week ago. She was taken ill with pneumonia, but her case was not thought to be dangerous even on Sunday, but she grew rapidly worse and died the next day. The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. to-morrow. A special car for friends will leave the corner of Church and Chapel street at 1:15 p. m.

PLEASANTLY REMEMBERED.

Beautiful Christmas Gifts Presented.

Camp 4, P. O. S. of A., in recognition of the long continued and valuable services of their recording secretary, H. H. Hayden, last evening presented him with an elegant gold pen and magnificent ink stand. The presentation speech was made by R. S. Strong, jr., past president, who in a happy address said the feeling of indebtedness of the lodge was expressed in this beautiful Christmas gift. A feeling and happy speech in reply was made by Mr. Hayden.

SHOT DEAD BY THE FATHER

BUSINESS MAN OF DES MOINES WAS KILLED ON HIS WEDDING DAY.

When He Went to Home of His Bride He Was Met at the Door By Her Father and Was Killed—It is a Most Romantic Story of Love and Fidelity.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 24.—Walter Scott, a business man, and Miss Clara Dawson were married at 3 o'clock this afternoon by a justice. Scott went from the office of the justice to the home of the girl's mother, S. R. Dawson, and was shot dead by the father. Scott and the girl met two years ago and the friendship ripened into love. The girl's father forbade them to see each other, but as they persisted he took the girl before the insanity commission and gave testimony on the strength of which she was found insane and sent to the asylum at Mount Pleasant.

Scott took steps to secure her release and at last succeeded in proving that she was sane. She was released, and her father still bent on preventing the marriage placed her in a convent. For a time she was unable to communicate with Scott, but at last got a letter to him. He went to Chicago and induced the management of the institution to release the girl. Then her father took her somewhere in Ohio and placed her in a private school. She managed to get away from there and her father brought her back to Keokuk and placed her in charge of friends.

Scott went to Keokuk and secured her release and was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Dawson, charging him with sending indecent letters to the girl. Scott, however, was released, but the girl then declared to friends she would not marry him until her parents were willing. However, Scott met her from time to time and yet she sent him a note saying she was ready to run away and be married.

They met this afternoon, were married and soon Scott went to her home and got her belongings. He took an officer with him. Dawson refused to give them what they demanded, and as they were leaving drew a revolver and shot Scott. He fired four times, and three shots took effect, one entering Scott's brain. Death was instantaneous. Dawson was arrested and taken to jail.

There was much talk of lynching him early this evening and special guards were placed on duty, but at 9 o'clock there seems to be no danger. Dawson is an eccentric man, sixty years of age, and is the inventor of a process for making Damascus steel, which has been pronounced of great value.

The girl will remain with Scott's parents. Scott's mother is prostrated by grief, and the girl is inconsolable.

WORK OF INCENDIARIES.

Three Barns Burned on the Plainville Road—A House Caught Fire.

New Britain, Dec. 24.—Incendiaries were at work to-night on the Plainville road, a mile and a half outside the city, and as a result three barns owned by Cornelius Andrews were completely destroyed, six heads of cattle were burned to death, the dwelling slightly damaged, causing a loss that will not be less than \$2,000. The fire in one of Mr. Andrews' large barns broke out at 9 o'clock. Attached to this barn were two others nearly as large. Within a short time the three buildings were burning fiercely.

The house nearby also caught fire and word was sent into the city for aid. A portion of the fire department was sent out but it arrived too late to accomplish anything. Neighbors assisted in extinguishing the fire which started on the house. Two other fires were started in the neighborhood, but they did not prove serious. There is no clue.

Echo of Hayward's Crime.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—An echo of Harry Hayward's crime came up to-day when notice was served upon the state insurance commissioner by W. H. Eustis, attorney for the administratrix of the estate of Catharine Gung, that suit has been brought against the Travelers' Insurance company of Hartford, Conn., to collect the \$5,000 accident policy taken out by Miss Gung at Hayward's suggestion and made payable to him. The company for a time intimated that it would pay the policy without a question, but for some reason recently decided to make a fight. A copy of the complaint was this morning served upon the insurance commission, who, under the law, must send official word of the bringing of the suit to the company. A letter was mailed this afternoon to Hartford containing a copy of the complaint.

Must Be a League Member.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 24.—John C. Rowe, president of a cycle company, states that a delegate to the national assembly which convenes in Baltimore in February will offer a resolution which, if adopted, will compel every racing man under the jurisdiction of the I. A. W. to become a member of the league. Not one-tenth of the riders are members of this organization and the idea is that the riders should contribute towards the success of the order that supports racing. It is expected that this resolution will meet with unanimous favor. A dispatch from Coronado, Cal., states that W. W. Hamilton to-day rode a private un-paced mile in 1:30. This reduces the record held jointly by Sanger and himself one and two-fifths seconds.